



Arlington Council on Aging

Agenda

Date: Thursday December 21, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. Attendees can attend in person at the Arlington Community Center Arts & Crafts Room or virtually via zoom. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Please call 781-316-3401 or e-mail KShah@town.arlington.ma.us for the link to join the meeting which can be accessed by computer with internet access or by telephone for audio access only.

Kristine Shah, Executive Director

Michael Quinn, Chair

Sheila Connerney, Secretary

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of the November 2023 meeting for approval
3. Citizen's Open Forum
4. Report: Executive Director
5. Report: Chair
6. Report: Minuteman Senior Services
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Other Community Announcements
10. Adjourn - **Next meeting: January 18, 2024**

Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah

- I. Upcoming on current & new Programs/Activities:
 - a. COA Winter Ball highlights
 - b. Congresswoman Katherine Clarks Office Listening Session highlights
 - c. Lunar New Year Celebration, January 25
 - d. 42 folks and counting for Sand/Salt buckets project
 - e. AARP tax appointments will begin being scheduled in January
 - f. Parking Permit Applications distributed to date: just short of 1,500; noticing online applications slowing down but at least 40 residents coming in on Thursdays for in person applications.
- II. Harry Barber Renter Relief Program - Full; Volunteer Property Tax Work Off- Full; Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Applications Due January 31. Thank you to Michael Quinn for filling the vacant E&D Tax Relief Committee Seat.
- III. Budget
 - a. End of Year fundraising ask - \$4,500 raised for Emergency Fund to date
 - b. Grant received from MCOA for additional Nutrition/Cooking Classes for \$9,000
 - c. \$24,000 annual gift received to replenish Sussman Fund
 - d. Applying for grant to fund 3rd COA Van for in-town transportation, applying for Electric Version which if approved would arrive Spring 2024
- IV. Board Member Engagement Opportunities
 - a. Board Leadership Positions starting July 1
 - b. Thank you to board members who helped on Thanksgiving and with Warm Wishes. 125 meals were distributed on Thanksgiving Day and 75 Warm Wishes gift bags were delivered this week.